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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 4/13/04 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim 1 canceled May 6, 2004

Claims 2 – 29 have been added.

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The Information Disclosure Statements filed April 13, 2004, September 28, 2005, August 25, 2006 and February 1, 2006

Drawings

3. The drawings filed April 13, 2004 have been accepted.

Specification

4. The preliminary amendment filed May 6, 2004 has been entered.

5. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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7. Claims 2, 12 – 15, 16 and 26 – 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by HP as documented in the 1995 text book of Nathan Muller, titled “Focus on HP OpenView”.

Claim 2

HP anticipates a computer program on a computer readable medium for a computer system which includes a first computer, a second computer (HP, Figure 8-7, Target and Controller), a management computer operated by an operator (HP, page 182, Software Management, last paragraph, Administrator) to install a target program and a storage system coupled to said first computer (HP, page 181, Figure 8-7, Depot), said second computer and said management computer (As per above), wherein said storage system includes a shared logical unit accessed by each of said first computer (HP, page 180, Network), said second computer, and said management computer (As per above), a first logical unit accessed by said first computer, and a second logical unit accessed by said second computer (HP, page, Software Distributor to install on Controller and on Target - also reads on HP, page 220, Configuring Workstations note new files downloaded), wherein said computer program when executed causes said computer system to perform the steps of:

controlling said first computer and said second computer from said management computer to start a process executed by an install agent of each of said first computer and said second computer (HP, page 179, Software Distributor, “... it is essential that application revision changes at both ends be synchronized.” and HP, page 180 Distribution Overview),

loading an installer program stored in said shared logical unit into each of said first computer and said second computer by the install agent (HP, page 180, Distribution Depots, Software Distributor allows depots to distribute software packages to multiple target software simultaneously and allow depots to be distributed on various servers. It also allows administrators to manage (create, populate, list and verify and remove) distribution depots” As in load installers in distribution depot, and “HP page 182, first paragraph installed”);

installing, according to the installer program on said first computer, a target program for said first computer by controlling transfer of said target program previously stored in said shared logical unit to said first logical unit (HP, page 180, over network); and

installing (HP, page 182, installed), according to the installer program on said second computer a target program for said second computer by controlling transfer of said target . program previously stored in said shared logical unit to said second logical unit (distribution depot from above), wherein upon performing said installing steps, said first computer can use said target program stored in said first logical unit and said second computer can use said target program stored in said second logical unit (Intended use – purpose of installing software is to use it).

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Claim 12

A computer program according to claim 2, wherein said computer program when executed causes said computer system to further perform the step of:

obtaining information indicating the condition of the process for installing said target program by said management computer. (HP, page 166, DSI Agents, thresholds such as disk space and page 181, second paragraph)

Claim 13

A computer program according to claim 2, wherein said information indicating the condition of the process for installing said target program is given through a logical unit included in said storage system. (HP, page 166, DSI Agents, thresholds such as disk space and the RPC).

Claim 14

A computer program according to claim 2, wherein the step of installing said target program for said first computer includes the substeps of:

transferring a file copy request from said first computer to said storage system, and

copying said target program from said shared logical unit to said first logical unit in response to said file copy request by said storage system; and

wherein the step of installing said target program for said second computer includes the substeps of:

transferring a file copy request from said second computer to said storage system, and

copying said target program from said shared logical unit to said second logical unit in response to said file copy request by said storage system. As per claim 2.

Claim 15

An install method according to claim 2, wherein said first computer, said second computer and said storage system are coupled to each other through a connector,

wherein the step of installing said target program for said first computer includes the substeps of:

transferring a file copy request from said first computer to said connector, and copying said target program from said shared logical unit to said first logical unit in response to said file copy request by said connector, and

wherein the step of installing said target program for said second computer includes the substeps of:

transferring a file copy request from said second computer to said connector, and copying said target program from said shared logical unit to said second logical unit in response to said file copy request by said connector. As per claim 2.

Claim 16

A computer program on a computer readable medium for a management computer in a computer system which includes a first computer, a second computer, said management computer operated by an operator to install a

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target program and a storage system coupled to said first computer, said second computer and said management computer, wherein said storage system includes a shared logical unit accessed by each of said first computer, said second computer, and said management computer, a first logical unit accessed by said first computer, and a second logical unit accessed by said second computer, wherein said computer program when executed causes said management computer to perform the steps of:

- controlling said first computer and said second computer to start a process executed by an install agent of each of said first computer and said second computer;

- loading an installer program stored in said shared logical unit into each of said first computer and said second computer by the install agent ;

- installing, according to the installer program on said first computer, a target program for said first computer by controlling transfer of said target program previously stored in said shared logical unit to said first logical unit; and

- installing, according to the installer program on said second computer a target program for said second computer by controlling transfer of said target program previously stored in said shared logical unit to said second logical unit, wherein upon performing said installing steps, said first computer can use said target program stored in said first logical unit and said second computer can use said target program stored in said second logical unit.

See the rejection for claim 2.

Claim 26

A computer program according to claim 16, wherein said computer program when executed causes said computer system to further perform the step of:

- obtaining information indicating the condition of the process for installing said target program by said management computer. See the rejection for claim 12.

Claim 27

A computer program according to claim 26, wherein said information indicating the condition of the process for installing said target program is given through a logical unit included in said storage system. See the rejection for claim 13.

Claim 28

A computer program according to claim 16, wherein the step of installing said target program for said first computer includes the substeps of:

- transferring a file copy request from said first computer to said storage system, and copying said target program from said shared logical unit to said first logical unit in response to said file copy request by said storage system; and wherein the step of installing said target program for said second computer includes the substeps of: transferring a file copy request from said second computer to said storage system, and copying said target program from said shared logical unit to said second logical unit in response to said file copy request by said storage system. See the rejection for claim 14.

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Claim 29

An install method according to claim 16, wherein said first computer, said second computer and said storage system are coupled to each other through a connector; wherein the step of installing said target program for said first computer includes the substeps of: transferring a file copy request from said first computer to said connector, and copying said target program from said shared logical unit to said first logical unit in response to said file copy request by said connector, and wherein the step of installing said target program for said second computer includes the substeps of: transferring a file copy request from said second computer to said connector, and copying said target program from said shared logical unit to said second logical unit in response to said file copy request by said connector.

See the rejection for claim 15.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claims 3 – 11 and 17 – 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over HP in view of USPN # 6,954,930 B2 **Drake** filed February 19, 2002.

Claim 3

HP teaches a computer program according to claim 2, wherein said computer program when executed causes said computer system to further perform the steps of:

before performing the step of controlling said first computer and said second computer performing the steps of:

storing said target program in said shared logical unit by said management computer (As per claim 2), and storing the install agent and a control file (As per claim 2) used by the install agent in said first logical unit and said second logical unit.

Although, HP teaches an installer and keeping configurations up to date with the Software Distributor. HP teaches an install agent (As per claim 2 – installer) HP does not explicitly teach the loading of the install agent for distribution. It is Drake who teaches an automated self-installing procedure (Drake, col2, lines 15 – 19). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use HP to update the installer and software at the same time. Because, “These automated techniques are quite beneficial in enabling the installer to get started with an installation.” (Drake, col 2, lines 34-35).

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Claim 4

A computer program according to claim 3, wherein said control file includes the information for identifying said installer program and the information indicating the place where said installer program is stored. agent (HP, page 180, Distribution Depots, Software Distributor allows depots to distribute software packages to multiple target software simultaneously and allow depots to be distributed on various servers. It also allows administrators to manage (create, populate, list and verify and remove) distribution depots" As in load installers in distribution depot, and "HP page 182, first paragraph installed");

Claim 5

A computer program according to claim 4, wherein said computer program when executed causes said computer system to further perform the step of:

setting the install agent of each of said first computer and said second computer to start at the time of activating of each of said first computer and said second computer from said management computer. (HP, page 179, Software Distributor, "... it is essential that application revision changes at both ends be synchronized." and HP, page 180 Distribution Overview - Both required to be running to synchronize.)

Claim 6

A computer program according to claim 5, wherein before loading an installer program, switching on the power supply of each of said first computer and said second computer under the control of said management computer. (HP, page 220, client configures , downloads files after reboot which happens on power up – switching on power supply deemed manual step required)

Claim 7

A computer program according to claim 6, wherein said control file includes the ID information indicating whether the install work is to be carried out or not, and wherein said computer program when executed causes said computer system to further perform the step of: determining whether the install agent of each of said first computer and said second computer conducts the install work based on said ID information. (HP, page Software Management – IPD).

Claim 8

A computer program according to claim 3, wherein said control file includes key information for permitting said target program to be installed. (HP, page 182, key information for installation is part of Software Distribution Services for OSF)

Claim 9

A computer program according to claim 8, wherein said computer program when executed causes said computer system to further perform the step of:

determining whether said target program is to be installed for each of said first computer and said second computer according to said key information. (HP, page 182, key information for installation is part of Software Distribution Services for OSF)

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Claim 10

A computer program according to claim 9, wherein said key information contains an identifier of a computer for which said target program is permitted to be installed, and said substep of determining whether said target program is to be installed includes the substep of comparing the identifier of each of said first computer and said second computer with the identifier contained in said key information. (HP, page 183, Policy Setting- last paragraph – verify that any configuration change complies with predefined guidelines and policies – complying with licensing agreements is a policy to comply the proper key information must be used.)

Claim 11

A computer program according to claim 10, wherein said identifier is a unique address information assigned to the controller board of a computer for coupling to said storage system via a network. (HP, page 45, addressing hardware – Automatic Discovery and page 55, node address)

Claim 17

A computer program according to claim 16, wherein said computer program when executed causes said management computer to further perform the steps of:

before performing the step of controlling said first computer and said second computer performing the steps of:

storing said target program in said shared logical unit by said management computer, and storing the install agent and a control file used by the install agent in said first logical unit and said second logical unit. See the rejection for claim 3.

Claim 18

A computer program according to claim 17, wherein said control file includes the information for identifying said installer program and the information indicating the place where said installer program is stored. See the rejection for claim 4.

Claim 19

A computer program according to claim 18, wherein said computer program when executed causes said computer system to further perform the step of:

setting the install agent of each of said first computer and said second computer to start at the time of activating of each of said first computer and said second computer from said management computer. See the rejection for claim 5.

Claim 20

A computer program according to claim 19, wherein before loading an installer program, switching on the power supply of each of said first computer and said second computer under the control of said management computer. See the rejection for claim 6.

Claim 21

A computer program according to claim 20, wherein said control file includes the ID information indicating whether the install work is to be carried out

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or not, and wherein said computer program when executed causes said computer system to further perform the step of:

determining whether the install agent of each of said first computer and said second computer conducts the install work based on said ID information.
See the rejection for claim 7.

Claim 22

A computer program according to claim 17, wherein said control file includes key information for permitting said target program to be installed. See the rejection for claim 8.

Claim 23

A computer program according to claim 22, wherein said computer program when executed causes said computer system to further perform the step of:

determining whether said target program is to be installed for each of said first computer and said second computer according to said key information. See the rejection for claim 9.

Claim 24

A computer program according to claim 23, wherein said key information contains an identifier of a computer for which said target program is permitted to be installed, and said substep of determining whether said target program is to be installed includes the substep of comparing the identifier of each of said first computer and said second computer with the identifier contained in said key information. See the rejection for claim 10.

Claim 25

A computer program according to claim 24, wherein said identifier is a unique address information assigned to the controller board of a computer for coupling to said storage system via a network. See the rejection for claim 11.

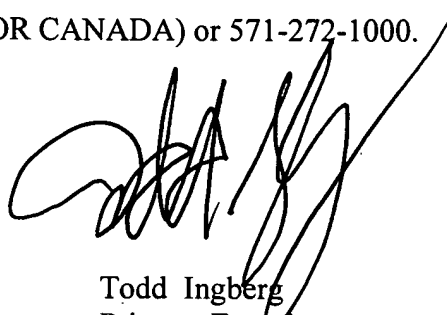
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